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Girl aids mother in emergency

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff writer

A 10-year-old Team Holloman dependent may have saved her mother's life when she summoned medical assistance and assumed control of her household during an emergency.

Madison Harris was at home on Quay Loop Aug. 12 when her mother, Veronica Harris, collapsed in her bedroom.

"I was in my room when at first I heard my sister crying, and then I heard my mom calling me," said Madison, daughter of Major Max Harris, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron.

Madison walked into mother's bedroom and saw her mom lying on the floor asking her to dial 911.

"I called 911 and told the lady on the phone what was happening and where I lived," Madison said. "She told me not to hang up until the paramedics arrived."

Madison went back into her mother's room and told her help was on the way. She took her 20-month-

See Madison on page 7



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Desert blast

A 3,600-pound blast erupts on the north end of the Holloman High Speed Test Track Aug. 25. The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosives Ordnance Disposal unit, responsible for the blast, detonated 500 rocket motors used by the 46th Test Group that were unusable.



Groups' Rates = Combat Readiness

The month of August

MC = Mission Capable Rate

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| 49th Mission Support Group | LRS fuels avg response time 8.3 minutes. ACC standard: 30 min |
| 49th MMG BEAR Base | 83 percent MC |
| 49th Medical Group | 77 percent customer satisfaction (survey results) |
| 49th Maintenance Group | 78.4 percent MC (ACC standard is 77 percent) |
| 49th Operations Group | 93 percent good standing |

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A 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Instructor was one of 12 Airmen to win the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award.

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Japan signed surrender documents 60 years ago tomorrow, officially ending World War II. The Fightin' 49ers were there up to the very end.

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German AF team pulls ahead

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Supervisors crucial to HAFB safety

by Lt. Col. Skip Hinman
49th Operations Support Squadron commander

Despite our focus on safety across the Air Force this summer, we lost 28 Airmen Air Force-wide to suicide and preventable mishaps during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. We had multiple additional serious injuries and suicide attempts as well that could have ended just as tragically. We have been remarkably fortunate here at Holloman. I believe we have been successful because of our emphasis on the critical role of the supervisor.

Immediate supervisors are the most important aspect of any safety program. In order for supervisors to be successful in this area, it is imperative that they know their people both personally and professionally. Supervisors who know their people will have the best chance of identifying indications of stress and depression that could lead to suicide. They can identify the flaw in a subordinate's weekend plans before it leads to a disastrous outcome. They can intervene in both situations and stop a tragedy before it occurs. Supervisors may even have to be "nosey" at times in their efforts to keep their people safe.

A past fatality at Offutt Air Force Base demonstrates the importance of knowing your people. In the months leading up to this mishap, the Air Force member successfully kept a "secret life" from his supervisors. His supervision had no knowledge of two previous DUIs and a very heavy drinking habit. In fact, this individual had his supervisors convinced that he didn't drink at all. After drinking heavily late into

the night, he crashed his vehicle en route to an unknown destination. He rolled his car several times until it eventually came to rest in an abandoned field. He remained alive but unconscious in his vehicle for more than an hour until he died of injuries from this preventable accident.

Daily roll calls can assist supervisors in their efforts to know their people. Visiting with your folks on a daily basis during roll calls will help you identify potential areas of concern.

Another tool available to supervisors at Holloman is the Pre-departure Safety Brief. This very simple form gives supervisors the opportunity to remain knowledgeable about the weekend plans of their people and to ensure these plans make good sense.

It is also imperative that supervisors are fully aware of their Airmen's interest and involvement in high-risk activities. Holloman's Intensive Care Program is designed to assist supervisors in this area. The individual simply identifies the activities he participates in and the supervisor assesses the individual's overall risk. I believe that increased risk requires increased supervision. I also believe extreme sports require extreme supervision.

The official 101 Critical Days of Summer comes to a close this Labor Day weekend, but our past experience indicates that Holloman's most dangerous times lie ahead. We have had a fatality during the first three-day weekend after 101 Critical Days in two of the last three years. As we approach Columbus Day weekend, I would encourage our supervisors to maintain their focus on safety and continue emphasizing those areas that have led to our success over the summer.

Holloman 572-7500 Hotline

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

Housing office2-3981
Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-5991
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164



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DUI Update

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| Days since last DUI | 17 |
| DUIs this year | 16 |
| This week last year | 28 |

Last six DUIs

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| • 49 MXS | Aug. 29 |
| • 49 AMXS | Aug. 9 |
| • 49 MMSS | May 27 |
| • 49 OSS | May 6 |
| • 49 49 CES | April 17 |
| • GAF | Mar. 7 |

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

806 Saves this year

11 Saves this week

High: 92
Low: 66
FRIDAY

High: 92
Low: 70
SATURDAY

High: 92
Low: 68
SUNDAY

High: 92
Low: 70
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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49th OSS counteracts flightline violations

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In an effort to reduce vehicle driving violations in and along flightline areas, the 49th Operations Support Squadron has stepped up its flightline education program here.

From October 2004 to May, the squadron's Airfield Management office witnessed a 400 percent increase of these potentially hazardous violations. Tech. Sgt. Nickolette Reynolds, NCO in charge of AM, said the best way for an individual to avoid committing a runway intrusion is to be educated.

"Get the proper training before venturing out into an airfield environment," Sergeant Reynolds said. "If you are unsure of procedures then ask questions; do not assume you know what to do or where you are just because you may have driven on airfields or flightlines in the past."

The primary reason for the dramatic increase in vehicle driving violations in and along the flightline areas was human error. Factors that also added to the increase included deployed units to Holloman, massive airfield construction projects and user unfamiliarity with a new land mobile radio system, Sergeant Reynolds said.

To help counteract this trend, the AM office has implemented tougher standards for violators, she said.

"AM personnel respond to the airfield to intercept individuals that allegedly committed a violation," she said. "It is the operations group's policy that anyone committing a runway intrusion will report to the group commander along with their supervisor, flightline driving program manager and commander to explain why they committed the violation."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Senior Airman Julius Griffin, 49th Operations Support Squadron airfield dispatcher, reports a possible runway intrusion. In an effort to reduce such intrusions, the squadron has actively engaged flightline-driving units with on the spot education programs.

Sergeant Reynolds added that AM has recertified 500 flightline drivers on Holloman by aggressively engaging squadrons and conducting on-site briefings. AM has also beefed up its inspections of unit flightline driving programs to ensure that safety requirements are met.

Mr. James Rhoads, 49th OSS airfield manager, said flightline driving licenses will be suspended during investigations into alleged runway intrusions and in some cases may not be renewed.

"Drivers will automatically lose their flightline driving licenses while the incident is being investigated by the airfield manager," Mr. Rhoads said. "At a minimum, the individual must complete retraining with their program manager and also be recommended by their commander for reinstatement of driving privileges."

Col. Matt McKeon, 49th Operations Group commander, said

it is important to adhere to Holloman's rules and regulations for the safety of personnel in flightline areas.

"We are absolutely committed to solving this issue," he said. "Although we are sponsoring mandatory re-education sessions and introducing more rigor into our existing flightline driver's program, we clearly need the help of Team Holloman in order to avoid a serious accident."

Sergeant Reynolds said each member of Team Holloman can help reduce violations by knowing Holloman's procedures for the flightline, which is one of the busiest in the active-duty Air Force.

"Our operations tempo is unlike any other," he said. "Don't take a chance with your personal safety or the aircraft around you."

For more information about flightline driving, call the Airfield Management office at 572-5411.

Holloman NCO wins AF leadership award

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Holloman NCO was recognized for his work in supporting the worldwide air bridge of cargo resupplying America's forces overseas.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Kay, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility instructor, was one of 12 Airmen throughout the Air Force to be awarded the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award.

The award, according to the Air Mobility Command Instruction 36-2808, "recognizes 12 outstanding individuals who will likely become future leaders within the air mobility community."

Sergeant Kay said he was shocked to learn he had beat out other logistics NCOs from around the Air Force.

"It is always great to be recognized for your hard work," Sergeant Kay said. "This award means even more to me because it is usually given to an air transporter assigned to AMC. So to be given this award as an air transporter in Air Combat Command makes it an even bigger accomplishment for me."

Sergeant Kay's accomplishments include work conducted in support of

exercises and deployments to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. There, he helped to support stranded special operations units by rigging cargo platforms to be dropped from the air.

Sergeant Kay said the most memorable moment of his deployment was helping injured Afghan civilians receive medical treatment.

"I remember when a Talibani bomb went off in a city market in downtown Kandahar," Sergeant Kay recalled. "We flew the injured to the [United Arab Emirates] for treatment. These were mostly



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Staff Sgt. Kevin Kay, 49th LRS mobility instructor, was one of 12 Airmen in the Air Force to win the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award.

women and children that were hurt by the blast. The most rewarding part of this was when a little girl that I helped medivac returned to her family in Kandahar during the last week I was there."

During his four-month deployment, Sergeant Kay also inspected and moved 10,600 pounds of cargo and 11,900 passengers in and out of Kandahar, keeping needed supplies and personnel moving throughout the war zone.

Senior Master Sgt. Alana Stillwell, 49th LRS traffic management superintendent, said Sergeant Kay's recognition could be

summed up in one word – awesome.

"I love recognizing folks for what they do and for going above and beyond," Sergeant Stillwell said. "Sergeant Kay, along with other transporters, are some of the silent heroes making things happen in the background. It's rewarding to see the spot light on him!"

Sergeant Kay said he believed this award recognized his hard work and dedication to the 49th Fighter Wing during the recent Operational Readiness Inspection and exercises.

"I deployed to Afghanistan for four months and left within eight months for another deployment to Qatar," he said. "I have taken much pride in teaching the wing cargo preparation, pallet buildup and hazardous technical specialist courses. For each transporter assigned here at Holloman, it is truly an honor to represent each of you."

Sergeant Kay said he couldn't have gone through his deployments and long hours without help.

"I would like to thank my wife Lori and my girls, Stephanie, Chelsi, and Rae for their support," he said. "If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be able to do my job."



Chief's Choice

Award

Staff Sgt. Gregory Slavik

Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton, 49th Fighter Wing command chief, has chosen Staff Sgt. Gregory Slavik, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron F-117A crew chief, for August's Chief's Choice Award:

"I chose Sergeant Slavik for August's Chief's Choice Award due to my observation of him during the Operational Readiness Inspection.

"He's a take-charge crew chief with a

very professional military image. He is currently the crew chief on the jet flown by Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, and maintains a high mission capable rate for the aircraft.

"Needless to say, Sergeant Slavik is a sharp professional noncommissioned officer that displays all the attributes I look for in our professional NCO force."

– Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton
**49th Fighter Wing
Command Chief**



Courtesy photo

Madison

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old sister, Baylor, into the other room and played with her while they waited for help.

“I took my sister into the other room because I knew how attached she is to my mom and I didn’t want Baylor to see our mom like that,” Madison said.

As soon as Madison heard the sirens, she went back into her mother’s bedroom to tell her that the paramedics were here.

“She wasn’t talking back, which really scared me,” Madison said.

When the paramedics arrived, they asked for her mother’s identification card and told her not to panic, Madison said. They checked her mother’s vital signs and rushed her to the hospital. Several people stayed with Madison and her sister while they waited for their dad to get home.

Madison’s mother was treated at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center and released the next day. When she

discovered how well her daughter handled the situation, she was astonished.

“I was very proud,” Mrs. Harris said. “We have plans about what to do if there is a fire or if Baylor is choking, so I have always kind of trained her in case of an emergency, and to know that she actually was able to stay calm and follow it out was really good.”

Major Harris was also very proud of his daughter when he realized everything that she did.

“When I got home, Madison had Baylor sitting on the couch and I had noticed that Madison had also taken the dogs out so they wouldn’t bother the paramedics or anyone else around,” Major Harris said. “I know that I wouldn’t have been able to dial the operator. I would have just panicked.”

Major Harris was grateful that the training his wife had been giving Madison paid off, he said.

“It’s good to know that Madison was in tune enough to realize that this was an emergency situation and able to do everything that she did.”



Photo by Ms. Danielle Toste

Madison Harris (right) teaches her sister Baylor Harris how to properly identify animals and their sounds. Madison called paramedics and took care of Baylor during her mother’s medical emergency Aug. 12.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Senior Airman Matthew Speirs, 46th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, conducts a pre-flight inspection Tuesday at Holloman. F-15s from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. evacuated to Holloman to escape Hurricane Katrina.

Manpower to collect hurricane relief

by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Fighter Wing manpower office is spearheading an installation-wide effort to collect aid for Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Katrina.

“Right now we are preparing to set up collection points on base,” said Ms. Carolyn Peeler, chief of programs and projects. “Hopefully, we should have this done by Friday.”

The manpower office is working with the Cultural Awareness Committee Foundation and local American Red Cross contacts at Holloman and Alamogordo to collect comfort items and other needed goods for an estimated 1 million residents displaced by the hurricane, which hit major urban centers in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida panhandle.

“Right now, the Red Cross needs comfort items, such as toothbrushes, bar soap, razors

and shaving cream,” Ms. Peeler said. “We are also in the process of setting up a relief account at Wells Fargo.”

Hurricane Katrina skirted across the tip of Florida Friday and strengthened to a Category 5 storm over the Gulf Coast last weekend, making landfall as a strong Category 4 hurricane Monday just east of New Orleans, causing fatalities and property damage rivaling the most devastating hurricanes in recorded history.

The American Red Cross, the country’s largest non-government disaster relief organization, is conducting the largest mobilization in history in response to the hurricane. It is setting up more than 200 shelters in the Gulf Coast region and will be feeding upwards of half a million people a day, according to the agency’s Web site, www.redcross.org.

Anyone wishing to donate may visit the Red Cross Web site or call Ms. Peeler at 572-5507.

49ers mark 60th anniversary of end of WW II

179 HAFB Airmen gave lives, 49 still MIA

by Master Sgt. Greg Henneman
49th Fighter Wing Historian

Sixty years ago today, dozens of P-38s of the 49th Fighter Group flew over the USS Missouri as Gen. Douglas MacArthur and a Japanese delegation signed documents aboard the battleship, officially marking the end of World War II.

Today, we take the outcome of World War II for granted. In movies, the soldiers appear to be seven-foot-tall warriors full of courage and certainty. The fate of the young men assigned to the 49th FG was not always certain.

Arriving in Australia in February 1942, the 49ers were equipped with underpowered P-40 fighters to take on an experienced and disciplined adversary. Nonetheless, the group persevered and went on to help retake New Guinea and liberate the Philippines.

Personally dubbed the "Fighting 49ers" by General MacArthur, the group achieved a combat record that surpassed any other organization in the Army Air Forces. In three years of combat, the 49th's pilots destroyed 678 enemy aircraft and earned the Philippine Republic

Presidential Unit citation, three Distinguished Unit citations and 10 battle honors. Among the unit's 43 aces was Maj. Richard I. Bong, whose 40 kills made



him America's number one ace — a record which still stands.

Despite the 49th's accolades and accomplishments, even a month before the surrender ceremonies, they faced their biggest challenge yet...an invasion of the

Japanese mainland. On Aug. 2, 1945, the 49th FG stood ready for its 15th move of the war, as they would set up operations on Okinawa and prepare for an invasion expected to cost up to one million lives. Thanks to the secret work done in the New Mexican desert, including the testing of the world's first atomic weapon on the Alamogordo Bombing and Gunnery Range, the 49ers would not have to engage in the most difficult battle of the war, but would prepare to come home.

On Aug. 24, 1945, 49th FG commander Lt Col. Clay Tice and Flight Officer Douglas Hall received international media attention when they became the first Americans to land on Japanese soil since Pearl Harbor. FO Hall's P-38 had mechanical problems and both pilots diverted into Kittagahara Airdrome—where an entire Japanese air base raised white flags in surrender to two Airmen.

Instead of invading Japan a couple of days after the surrender ceremonies, the men of the 49th boarded a landing ship which circled around the USS Missouri, as the group went on to operate from Atsugi and later Chitose and Misawa Air Bases in Japan. From 1945-1950, the 49th served as an occupational force in Japan.

As we mark the 60th anniversary of World War II, remember these successes did not come without a cost. More than 170 49ers gave their lives in the war and another 49 are still officially listed as missing in action. These are not abstract people from some distant unit—these are our predecessors, our families. They are people who served in the same squadrons and accomplished the same jobs we are doing today.

ACC NEWS

Chief of staff change set for Sept. 2

The swearing in of Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the Air Force's 18th chief of staff will broadcast live Friday from Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The live broadcast is scheduled for 10 a.m. EDT and will be available on the Pentagon Channel and on Air Force Link at www.af.mil/casf/player/html.

The ceremony, which signifies a change of Air Force leaders, will feature the retirement of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper after 39 years of

service. This will be followed by the swearing in of General Moseley, who currently is serving as Air Force vice chief of staff.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren will preside over the ceremony and administer the oath to General Moseley. Also scheduled to participate in the ceremony are Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers. (AFPN)

Some officers eligible for cumulative joint-duty credit

Active-duty officers in the grades of major and above are eligible to receive joint duty credit for deployments because of a recently expanded list of approved operations.

The fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act and Title 10, United States Code, Section 664, authorizes cumulative joint-duty credit. This only applies to officers who deployed for at least 90 continuous days to an approved combined joint task force headquarters staff.

The cumulative credit may be used in combination with a present or future joint duty assignment to allow early departure from a joint duty position.

This legislation does not apply to officers serving in medical, legal or religious career fields. Captains who filled a valid major or higher grade billet may receive joint duty credit.

For information on how to self-nominate or where to fax or e-mail supporting documentation, officers may visit the Air Force Personnel Center's Joint Assignment Section Web site online at www.afpc.randolp.af.mil/jom/.

Interested officers may also call the center at DSN 665-3720 or commercial at (210) 565-3720 for more information or assistance. (AFPC)

Keeping up the logistics support



Photos by Ms. Danielle Toste

Mr. Anselmo Fino, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron wood worker, fixes a wooden crate designed to carry a mobilized go-cart at the 49th LRS warehouse Wednesday. The 49th LRS sustains the war-fighting capability of the 49th Fighter Wing through the management, sound planning and mobilization of sortie-generating materiel, vehicles, fuels and personnel.



Mr. Dale Travis (left) and Airman 1st Class James Stephens, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels journeymen, switch out fuel pumps on an R-11 fuel truck at the 49th LRS fuels flight Wednesday..



Senior Airman Orlando Zepeda, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management specialist, packages a piece of equipment to be shipped out at an LRS warehouse Wednesday.



Airman 1st Class Nicholas Sevaetasi, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, works on a foot brake drum on the underside of a vehicle at the vehicle operations building Wednesday.

Saturday's Chapel Rally welcomes 200

Nondenominational religious event fills Thrasher Park

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 200 Team Holloman members braved Saturday's 95 degree temperature to attend the 49th Fighter Wing Chapel Rally at Thrasher Park, a nondenominational event welcoming all Holloman members regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs.

The purpose of the rally was two-fold, said Chaplain Lt. Col. Timothy Wagoner, 49th Fighter Wing chaplain.

"The first purpose was to say 'thank you' to the base for doing such a great job during the Operational Readiness Inspection and for their day-to-day hard work," he said. "The second purpose was to show the wing what the chapel has to offer."

Along with a well-stocked barbeque, a dunk tank to which all chaplains were subjected and a three story inflatable slide for children, there were numerous sign-up booths where Holloman members could sign up for religious oriented education and other activities, including Catholic prayer chains, protestant ushers and an ecumenical singles group.

"I'm very pleased with the number of people who turned out for this event, said Capt. Gloria Tyner, 49th Fighter Wing chaplain.

Staff Sgt. Scott Moskowitz, 9th Materiel Maintenance assistant NCO in charge, donated his time and deejay skills to spin a diverse selection of religious oriented rap, rock and Christian contemporary music.



Chaplain Wagoner gets dunked in the dunk tank at the Chapel Rally.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

One-year old Trevor Parthemore enjoys a cheeze snack at Saturday's Chapel Rally.

All booths were manned by chapel volunteers.

Master Sgt. Daniel Amic, 49th Dental Clinic NCO in charge and chapel volunteer, said "This event provides opportunity for new Team Holloman members not yet connected with a church to sign up or ask us to point them in the right direction."

The Chapel Rally was also designed to assist singles, families and individuals interested in the "spiritual side" of life.

"We're finding in the Air Force that we need to support spiritual development, even in the nontraditional sense," said Chaplain Wagoner. "We feel our mission is to support not just religious folks here, but the entire wing," he said.

The 49th Fighter Wing Chapel staff's objective is meeting all faith-based needs of Holloman.

This Chapel Rally allows people an open door to explore whatever faith background they may be interested in, said Tech. Sgt. Timothy Poling, NCO in charge, 49th Fighter Wing Chapel.

According to Sergeant Poling, these

events are important to Holloman team members.

"It's very important to acknowledge the spiritual side of life to assist you in difficult times," he said.

While the next rally day is tentatively planned for next spring, there are other chapel activities planned for Holloman.

"We will be having the Holy Hip Hop concert at the Enlisted Club Sept. 10. This is our big outreach to the dorms residents," Chaplain Tyner said.

Chaplain Wagoner already has plans for



Tech. Sgt. Timothy Poling, 49th Fighter Wing Chapel NCO in charge, cooks for Saturday's crowd of more than 200.

next year's Chapel Rally.

"We'll have another rally next year and it will be a little bigger and a little better," he said.

HOLLOMAN HERO



Duty Title: Information manager apprentice
Time in service: 14 months
Time at Holloman: 10 months
Hometown: Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
Personal and career goals: My personal and career goals are making the Air Force a career, going to school and earning my CCAF and/or BA degree, and going as far as I can.
What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of? Graduating from Basic Military Training. I

saw many who washed out or got recycled. But I made it even though everything about life in the United States was so strange to me.
Core value portrayed: “Airman Mhiretie epitomizes ‘Excellence In All We Do’ and always meets his challenges straight on. He has boundless, proven potential, whether he’s outpacing his peers at the First Term Airman Center, passing his citizenship test in minimal time, or continuing his education.”
– Lt. Col. “Skip” Hinman
49th OSS commander



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

The Holloman Hero submission is available online and can be downloaded at:
https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Aug. 23 to Monday:

Property loss, damage or theft:

- Aug. 24: An NCO reported he had found a six-inch dent in the driver's side quarter panel of a government vehicle while parked at building 866.

- Aug. 26: An Airman reported she had lost a common access card Aug. 24 in a vehicle at dormitory 335.

- Aug. 26: An Airman reported a burglary and theft at his room in dormitory 338. Items stolen included a 32-inch flat screen television and 35 DVD movies.

- Aug. 28: An Airman reported a side window and patio light had been damaged at a residence on Nellis Place.

Patrol response:

- Aug. 23: An NCO brought a stray puppy he found without a collar or identification tags to the Security Forces building. The animal was later released to its owner.

- Aug. 23: A civilian reported his daughter was potentially endangered by her husband, an Airman, on

Mora Loop. Security Forces responded to the residence and issued an advisory for the Airman, who was later found without incident.

- Aug. 24: The Otero County Sheriff's Department relayed a 911 call reporting an NCO was experiencing breathing difficulties at the base running track. He was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for further treatment.

- Aug. 26: An Airman reported another Airman had gained unauthorized entry into restricted area at the 4th Space Control Squadron. The Airman was apprehended without incident and released to a supervisor.

- Aug. 27: An NCO found a stray dog at the Family Camp. The animal was returned to its owner.

- Aug. 27: Seven F-15 fighter jets from the 46th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., arrived at Holloman after evacuating from the Gulf Coast region. Security Forces provided security for the jets.

- Aug. 29: An Airman reported a domestic disagreement on McKinley Loop.

- Aug. 29: An Airman reported a stray Chihuahua on Bernalillo Court.

TIP BOX:

The Holloman tobacco cessation program runs at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Nicotine replacement products are available. Registration is required, so please call 572-5785.

BRIEFS

Airman's attic

Starting Wednesday the Airman's Attic will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., every second Saturday of each month. Donations are preferred during operating hours. For more information, call 572-2577.

Lumpia sale

The Middle Two Council will sell lumpias from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 16 at the Base Chapel Annex. Lumpia sales are 50 cents each and 20 for \$9. Sodas will also be sold for 50 cents each. To pre-order, call Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag at 572-5574.

Commanders and equipment custodians

There is a new change in the Custodian Authorization/Custody Receipt Listings, effective immediately. This change now requires all commanders/directors to sign the CA/CRLs along with their custodians. Account custodians can request a CA/CRL from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron. For more information, contact Nancy Jarka at 572-3940.

Mixed bowling league

The Friday Night Mixed League at Holloman's Desert Lanes Bowling Center begins its fall season this September. Each team consists of two men and two women, three games per night, Handicap League. The bowling center will provide teammates if needed. There will be payouts for all bowlers at the end of the season. The cost is \$9 to \$10 per person, per night. Shoes are \$1.25. The league is open to all active duty, retirees, dependents and U.S. government employees working at Holloman and their spouses. Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age.

For more information, contact Ms. Kara M. Noya at 572-1916 or sign up at the bowling alley.

Equipment accountability

For equipment items (Budget

Code 9) equal to or under the micro-purchase threshold, accountability is the responsibility of the unit commander. Unit commanders must establish a locally devised program that provides visibility and audit trail capability.

This may include use of hand receipts and spreadsheets. For Equipment Items (Budget Code 9) over the \$2,500 micro-purchase threshold purchased on existing contracts with the GPC, accountability records must be established through the Equipment Liaison Office. Equipment custodians must contact the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Equipment Liaison Office immediately upon receipt of the asset. Medical activities must also coordinate purchases through the Base Medical Equipment Office. See AFI 64-117, Air Force Government-wide Purchase Card Program for additional information or contact Nancy Jarka, 49 LRS/LGRSC, at 572-3940.

SHARE Co-Op Bowling

All Holloman home schooling families are invited to join the Holloman home school support group, Sharing Homes and Resources for Education, for bowling, 10 a.m., Wednesday at the base bowling alley. Each game is \$1.50 and shoe rental is free. For more information contact Silvi Sullivan by e-mail at kevnsilv@charter.net.

Coaches wanted

The Fitness and Sports Center is looking for head coaches for both men and women's varsity basketball teams. Please contact Bradley George at 572-3229.

Oktoberfest

Tickets are now on sale for Oktoberfest, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sept. 24 at the German maintenance hangar, building 286. Ticket locations are the Officer's and Enlisted clubs, Outdoor Recreation Center, all branches of Otero Federal Credit Union, Alamogordo Chamber of Com-

merce and the White Sands Mall.

For more information, call 572-2612 or 572-6159.

Environmental assessment

The Final Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty-Niner Avenue is available for review at the Holloman Public Library. The Environmental Assessment resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Finding of No Practicable Alternative.

All comments should be directed to the Public Affairs Office; 49FW/PA, 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330; Phone: 505-572-5406.

MOPS fundraiser

Mothers of Preschoolers is offering 10" by 13" sepia-tone childrens' antiques portraits for \$10 each. Proceeds go to childcare for MOPS meetings. Call Paige Bryan at 439-1760.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is scheduled to begin 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17 at Hangar 500. The theme is based on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and includes open dining and music performed live by the 62nd Army Band.

Tickets cost \$16 for club members and \$18 for non-members. Contact unit first sergeants for tickets.

Remembrance ceremony

The 49th Fighter Wing POW/MIA remembrance ceremony will be held 9 a.m., Sept. 16 in Heritage Park.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Berridge at 572-7359 or Master Sgt. Lewis at 572-5503.

HOSC Thrift Shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouse Club Thrift Shop will reopen for the fall season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Consignments will not be accepted until Sept. 20. Donations are still accepted over the summer in bins located behind the store.

Air Force pioneers of the 70s

ACROSS

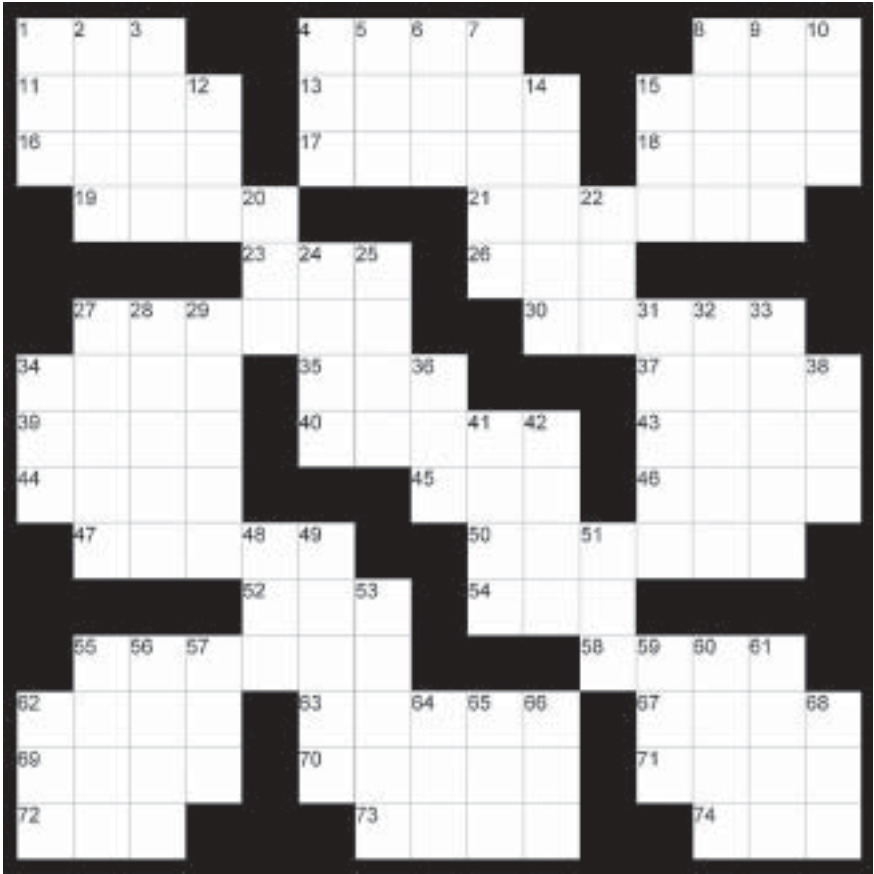
- 1. Shaq’s org.
- 4. M*A*S*H actor Alan
- 8. Sis’ sib
- 11. Sad
- 13. Jeans brand
- 15. Inmate’s house
- 16. Staff
- 17. Rustle
- 18. ___ upon a time ...
- 19. Assist
- 21. Hang out
- 23. Mining goal
- 26. Goddess of the dawn
- 27. Gen. ____ James; first African-American promoted to USAF 4-star
- 30. Drum
- 34. Salary
- 35. Everything
- 37. River boat
- 39. Land measurement
- 40. Armistice
- 43. 1944 Nobel Prize winner Hahn
- 44. Tool storage place
- 45. Big __, C.A.; picturesque resort region along the Pacific
- 46. One of the 5 W’s
- 47. Fable writer
- 50. Brig Gen Robinson ___; senior AF officer held prisoner in Hanoi

- 52. Sick
- 54. Meadow
- 55. Jane Leslie ___; 1st woman commissioned through AFROTC
- 58. Jog
- 62. Various amounts
- 63. South American mountains
- 67. Pirate’s haul
- 69. Cadet ___ Olsen; first woman admitted to a service academy
- 70. Capt. Sandra ___; first woman tanker commander to stand alert duty
- 71. Singer Fitzgerald
- 72. DoD TV stations overseas
- 73. Cure
- 74. Flightless bird

DOWN

- 1. CBS rival
- 2. Boring
- 3. Col. Regina ___; first woman to receive the Cheney Award
- 4. USAF PME for SSgt (S)
- 5. Gen. ___ Allen; Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- 6. 506, to Cicero
- 7. Passageway
- 8. Jolt
- 9. Cadet Edward A. ___; 1st African-American Cadet Wing commander

- 10. Bullring cheer
- 12. Snakelike fish
- 14. Fire at
- 15. CMSgt ___ Harston; Air Force Cross recipient
- 20. Hawaiian food made from taro
- 22. Country protected by DoD
- 24. Collect grain
- 25. Model McPherson
- 27. Fancy home in Russia
- 28. Give consent
- 29. Requires
- 31. Gen. George ___; CSAF/CJCS
- 32. Woodshop item
- 33. Following before
- 34. Existed
- 36. ___ Vegas
- 38. 2,000 lbs.
- 41. Hair type
- 42. Pennsylvania town
- 48. Engine need
- 49. Guilty and Not Guilty
- 51. Unhappy
- 53. PM of Ireland (1966–1973/1977–1979) John __



- 55. Cow’s foot
- 56. Middle East country
- 57. Actor Cariou
- 59. Pub order
- 60. Foot part
- 61. Jeanne ___; first woman promoted to Brig. Gen.
- 62. USAF lawyers
- 64. Female deer
- 65 Greek letter
- 66 Missouri airport, in short
- 68 Greek letter

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BRIEFS

National Public Lands Day

The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation is celebrating National Public Lands Day from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sept. 24 at Lake Holloman, three miles west of the west gate. Volunteers are needed at Lake Holloman to remove invasive weeds, pick up trash and plant native trees and shrubs. Those participating will receive a volunteer patch and poster. For more information, call Monica Barrera at 572-3931.

Commander's Access Channel

Holloman Housing Privatization – 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Welcome to Holloman – 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Safety — 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 pm. and 10 p.m.

Announcements are shown during other hours between recordings.

For information about the CAC, call 572-5406.

Air Force news

Any Airmen wishing to receive daily Air Force news by e-mail may do so by logging onto the Internet at www.af.mil and clicking on the “subscribe” icon.

Town hall meeting

The 49th Mission Support Group is hosting a town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday at the community center to address base community concerns. If there are any questions or concerns, contact 1st Lt. Giboney at the 49th MSG, 572-5541.

Independent entrepreneurs

The Holloman Enlisted Spouse's Organization will be hosting a bazaar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Community Center. This event gives base independent entrepreneurs a chance to recruit and sell their products, such as those who sell Mary Kay, Avon, Pampered Chef or other products. Vendor registration is \$25 per table un-

til Oct. 1 and late registration is \$30 per table until Oct. 22. Please call Michelle at 921-0701 or Sue at 479-9959 for table reservations.

MOPS meet

Mothers of Preschoolers meets from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., every other Tuesday. The first meeting will be Tuesday at the First Assembly Church, 10th Street and Florida Avenue in Alamogordo. Call Paige Bryan, 439-1760 or Lisa Claxton, 434-6790 for more information. Childcare is provided and volunteers are needed – please call Karin Constable at 439-5876 for information on childcare.

NMSU-A business training

A free training course is being offered by the Small Business Development Center at NMSU-A for those interested in starting their own businesses. The courses will include writing business plans. The course counts for college credit and costs nothing for all active duty individuals, veterans with educational benefits, and most reservists and National Guard troops. The classes are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Those interested can contact the Small Business Development Center, 572-7754.

Albuquerque Tricentennial

As part of the Albuquerque Tricentennial celebration, September is Architecture Month. Events include an agricultural road show, a Mexican Independence Day fiesta and various other tours, displays and events celebrating old and new architecture.

For more information on Albuquerque's Tricentennial, visit the Web site at www.albuquerque300.org.

Blue to Green

Airman close to earning an honorable discharge from the Air Force who want to keep their military benefits may qualify for an interservice

transfer under the Army's Operation Blue to Green.

The Blue to Green program allows Airmen to apply the military experience they have gained to service in the Army and can become Soldiers in career fields comparable to current Air Force jobs, or retrain in a different Military Occupational Specialty, depending on qualifications and available training. Airmen may qualify for an enlistment bonus if they transfer into a critical Army MOS. For more information, contact Steven Foreman, U.S. Army Blue to Green recruiter, at (206)246-5763 or (206)793-7707, toll-free at (877)248-7364, or via email at steven.foreman@usarec.army.mil.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

On the BIG SCREEN

Hustle and Flow **(R)**

6 p.m., Friday

Wedding Crashers **(R)**

6 p.m., Saturday

Sky High **(PG)**

6 p.m., Sunday



Courtesy photo

Shotmaker

Col. Andrew Papp, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander (left), presents the Apache Mesa Golf Course club championship trophy to Tech. Sgt. Ron Benoit Aug. 21. Sergeant Benoit scored 234 to win the three-day tournament by three shots.

Crossword answers

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Pumping iron

2nd Lt. David Delmage, 49th Operations Support Squadron, works out at the 49th Fighter Wing Health and Wellness Center Wednesday. Lieutenant Delmage was using a circuit training system workout. According to HWAC personnel, this workout is typically used to increase stamina and lower body fat content.

SOCCKER STANDINGS
SCOREBOARD

| Team | Won | Lost | Tie | Pct | Streak | PF | PA |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|--------|----|----|
| GAF Tech Soccer | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | Won 4 | 12 | 4 |
| 49 MMG Soccer | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | Won 2 | 15 | 5 |
| GAF 2nd MXS 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | Won 1 | 14 | 2 |
| GAF 1st MXS Soccer | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | Won 2 | 11 | 2 |
| 49 OSS Soccer | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | Lost 2 | 4 | 7 |
| 49 CS Soccer | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | Lost 3 | 3 | 10 |
| 39 CES Soccer | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | Lost 2 | 3 | 11 |
| GAF ELO SQ | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | Lost 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 46 TG Soccer | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | Lost 2 | 2 | 19 |
| 49 MDG Soccer | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | Lost 2 | 0 | 13 |

